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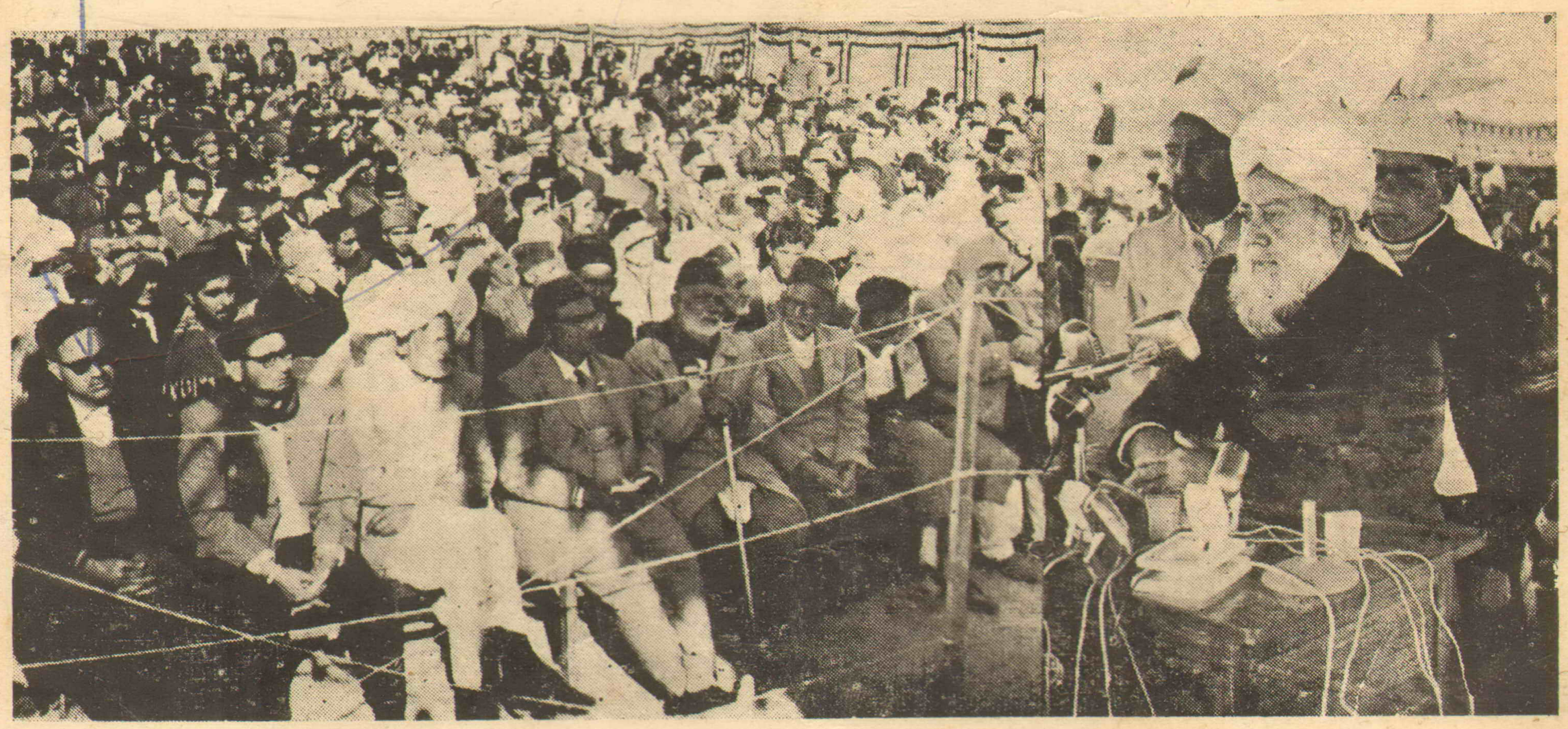

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Our 76th Annual Gathering at Rabwah

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The 76th Annual Gathering of the world wide Ahmadiyya Jamaat was held on the 11-13th January 1968. More than a hundred thousand people from all over the world attended.

In addition to his opening speech, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III addressed the audience on the second as well as the third day. Other Speakers were as follows:

Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Qazi Mohammad Nazir, Maulana Abul Ata, Maulana Ghulam Bari Saif, Ch: Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, Qazi Mohammad Aslam, Maulana Abdul Malik, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Sheikh Mohammad Ahmad Mazhar and Mirza Abdul Haque.

Hazrat Khalifat-ul-Masih in his opening speech prayed to God that all those who were present (and those who for one reason or the other could not attend) may be considered deserving the prayers of the Promised Messiah which he had offered for those who attended this Gatheing, when it was inaugurated three quarters of a century ago. He also prayed to God that the members of the Community may win victories in all the spheres of life over their opponents, through most convincing arguments. Hazrat drew the attention of the audience to the fact that everybody should concentrate on prayers more than usual, during the Jalsa days and that the prayers should mostly centre round the spread and victory of Islam.

Referring to a temporary hitch in the preparation of food for the guests, he said that this was nothing less than a trial which always raises the standard of the sacrifice of the believers. He was sure, he said that every one would undergo the hardship with great pleasure and thus deserve greater mercy of God.

Before closing, he prayed to God that every member of the Community may be purified and become pious and the Satan of pride and ego may leave him for ever and that God may descend in the hearts of the people and enlighten them. He reminded the people that they had been raised for the universal victory of Islam and that therefore they should expect the trials to come their way, but, of course, if they surrendered their lives to God He would take them into His lap as a beloved child is carried. He also said that in this age there was no spiritual security except in the well guarded fortress of the Promised Messiah. He ended his speech

with a silent prayer.

On the second day the second session started with the Addresses presented by the Ahmadiyya Communities of Mauritius, Fiji and America. In the Addresses all these communities pledged that every member of theirs would try all he could to further the cause of Islam. They also conveyed their salam to the Ahmadis in Pakistan and said that they were very grateful that it were people from Pakistan who went to their countries to show them the light.

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At the very outset Hazrat Khalifatul Masih introduced some of the books and magazines which he urged the people to buy in large numbers, for, money thus spent, he said, was money well spent.

Next he gave the details of the work done through Waqf Arzi and urged the people to participate in this scheme in still greater numbers.

As for the Fazl-i-Umar Foundation, he said he was very happy to note that Ahmadis all over the world had expressed their deep love for Hazrat Musleh Mauood by donating handsome amounts for the Foundation. He touched upon the programme that the Foundation had prepared and in this connection he told the audience that the Khutbas and other speeches of Hazrat Musleh Mauood and a comprehensive life history will be presented to the people very soon. He also made mention of a huge library that would be built at no distant a date.

In reply to the Addresses presented by the Communities of Mauritius, Fiji & America he said he would like to send his salam to all of them and he also prayed that the mercy of God may continue to descend as before.

He further spoke on his European tour and read out some of the newspaper reports to show the great extent of the publicity that the message of Islam had received during this tour.

On the third day in the second session of the Jalsa, Hazrat Sahib addressed the Gathering on the qualities most essential for the achievement of the greater objectives. He referred to the Khutbas which the had delivered before he left for Europe, on the topic of the erection of the Kaaba. In those Khutbas he had pointed out 23 aims that God had meant the world to achieve through the Kaaba and which he said had really been achieved through the advent of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of

God be upon him.

Hazrat Sahib said that he had wanted to put before the Jamaat a scheme connected with his previous Khutbas, but one day while reading the Holy Quran he was made to understand by God that there were some essential qualities that the people must possess before they could be launched upon a great plan successfully. Having studied the lives of the Companions of the Holy Prophet he had arrived at the conclusion that the following nine qualities should be possessed by the members of the Community :

1. Personal love for God. Love, he said, is always based on beauty and bounty and if our eyes are open to the beauty and bounty (حسن-احسان) of God we cannot but he filled with the love of God.

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2. Love for the Holy Prophet of Islam : Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that this love should be real and genuine and must be greater than the love we have for anything else.

3. Complete obedience to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him. We should be prepared to submit to the commands of the Holy Prophet without the least hesitation.

4. We should stay away from everything that we are told to shun.

5. Low passions should be altogether subdued.

6. Everything we start doing should be brought to a successful conclusion ; nothing should be left undone or half done.

7. A competetive spirit should be inculctaed. Everyone should try to go ahead of others.

8. Some voluntary services should also be rendered.

9. Trust in God should be so complete and perfect that we should be full of certainty that our Almighty Allah has the power to do everything and that He will certainly help us.

Having explained these nine qualities at some length Hazrat Sahib called upon the members of the Jamaat to inculcate these qualities in themselves and to get ready for greater sacrifices and higher achievements.

The Gathering was brought to a close with a silent prayer.

Rabwah Diary

Khutbas

On Friday the 29th of December, 1967, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih told the Community that the next twenty to thirty years were very vital and this period demanded greater sacrifices from each and every member of the Jamaat. He further said that the campaign for the victory of Islam over all other religions had now entered a critical stage and an all out effort was required to push the cause forward to the finale.

He started the Khutba with the Sura Lailatul Qadr and referred to the Commentary by Hazrat Muslih Mauood. He said that there was a Lailatul Qadr for individuals and another one for the nations. The individual's Lailatul Qadr indicated that the man was completely obeying the commands of God and was immune from the onslaughts of the Satan.

The collective Lailatul Qadr is connected with collective sacrifices of the Muslim nation during the last ten days of Ramazan.

On Friday the 12th of January 1968 Hazrat Khalifatul Masih led the Friday Service at the site of the Jalsa. More than a hundred thousand people attended.

In his sermon Hazrat Sahib commented upon the 46-50 verses of the Suratul Hijar. He said that these verses describe the next world as well as this one. As for this world God says that a time will come when you will feel that this world has become a Paradise for you ; when that happens you will realise that you have acquired some qualities which you will not like to part with. The satan will try to divest you of those qualities and if he succeeded he would turn you out of the Paradise.

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He advised the Community to be humble and bow down before God praying to Him so that He may keep you in the Paradise in this world as well as in the next world. He also asked the members of the Community to be praying for one another.

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Notes & Comments

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Lie is an Idol

Thc Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says :

"God has called lie a dirt and an uncleanliness as He says :

اجتنبو الرجس من الاوثان واجتنبو وقول الزور

You will note that lie has been mentioned here side by side with the idols and the fact is that lie is also an idol otherwise why should a man leave the truth and deviate to another side. Jūst as an idol is nor supported by truth so also is the lie based on fabrication. Those who tell lies become so much unreliable that even if they tell the truth people suspect that it might have a tinge of untruth also. And if those who tell lies wish to abstain from untruth they cannot succeed immediately; they have to struggle hard for it before they can inculcate the habit of telling the truth.

America Speaks

Below we reproduce the text of the Address that was presented to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih by Dr. Bashir-ud-Din Usama on behalf of the Ahmadiyya Community in the United States on the occasion of the Annual Jalsa held on the 11-13th of January 1968.

"My Beloved Amirul Momineen and my dear Ahmadi Brothers from all corners of the world ! Assalamo alaikum. It is indeed a great pleasure to be here in Rabwah for my wife and myself to experience the wonderful feeling of brotherhood which is now immediately felt. Secondly let me extend the sincere salam from the American Ahmadi Muslims who would like to be here as I am now here. How I wish they could witness this unique Gathering of the followers of the Promised Messiah from far and near. It has been my deep pleasure to see in action the extensive spiritual progress which is being made by the Ahmadiyya Community through out the world. In Africa, Europe and the Middle East and America which I myself have witnessed on my recent trip to these areas. It has been a-God send blessing to have accepted Islam through the Ahmadiyya Movement and to have experienced the spiritual values of true Islam.

Finally I would like to pledge here and now from this wonderful experience which I have felt during this Gathering to return to America with new spiritual awareness and vigour to serve the cause of Islam.

I humbly request your prayers for the success of Islam in America.

Another Victory

Bo Ahmadiyya Secondary School, the Southern Province champions, scored another soccer success last week when they beat the Eastern Province champions at the Bo Coronation Grounds.

In a friendly match against Kenema Secondary School who emerged recently as the Eastern Province champions at soccer (runners-up were Catholic Secondary School at Yengema who have a soccer expert on their staff), Ahmadiyya won by three goals to one.

It was a match in which the Ahmadiyya boys played in their locally high standards at the game.

In their bid for the Southern Province championship, Ahmadiyya beat Bo Government Secondary School by two goals to one in the semi-final.

They alo beat Taiama Secondary School 1—0 in the final match.

The Ahmadiyya team are Mansaray. Sapatceh Jalloh. Sorie, Osman Kamara, goalkeeper Marconi Turay, Shyllon, Charles Simbo, French, Dumbuya ; Issa.

Three of these—Kamara, Turay and Simbo, played for Bo District in the final of the F.A. Cup last week.

The same three and another. Sorie Turay, played for the Southern Province schools on Wednesday against the Western Province.

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Translation :
Writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

Triumph of Islam

(فتح اسلام)

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Do you ever remember what the end of this life is. What has happened to your sense of justice ; where has your honesty gone and where is that truthfulness, God's fear, honesty and humility to which the Holy Quran invites you. Never once in long years you remember that you have a God. It never comes to your mind as to what are His rights over you. The truth is that you have no concern, connection or link with the Self Sustaining God and it is hard upon you to call His name. You will try to show cleverness and fight back saying that it is not so. But the law of God puts you to shame when it points out to you that you lack the signs of the faithful. Although you claim to be very wise in your worldly affairs but your ability, sagacity and farsightedness are limited only to the worldly affairs. And it ends at the corners of this World. You cannot visualise even a small part of the other world with all the intelligence that you possess—the other world for which your souls have been created to abide in you are so contented with the worldly life as one is contented with something that is to stay with him forever. But the other world, the joys of which give real satisfaction and are lasting does not come to your mind even once in the whole of your life. What a bad luck that you are negligent of something that is of great importance—you have closed your eyes to it and you are running with all the speed you can after the transitory things of this world. You know it quite well that that time must come when in a moment your life and your desires will be put to an end.

But what a great misfortune it is that despite the fact that they know this, yet they are wasting their time in seeking after the worldly gains and there also they do not limit their efforts to the lawful means, they have even made the unlawful means, deceit and unjust killing.....as lawful. With all these shameless crimes that are so prevelant among you, you say that you do not need the heavenly light and the heavenly dispensation. You are its arch enemies. You have taken the heavenly dispensation lightly, so much so that you deride it with hate and pride and you ask repeatedly as to how you can be sure that this is a heavenly dispensation.

I have just now answered this question to the effect that you should judge this tree by its fruits and this sun by its light. I have conveyed this message to you and now it is up to you whether you accept it or not and whether you keep my words fresh in your memory or you forget them altogether. While ons is alive one receives no honour whatsoever. You will remember my words (and appreciate them) when I am no more.

(Next comes a poem in persian by the Promised Messiah peace be on him, which is followd by a notice for the critics.)

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